

POCAHONTAS TIMES.

Recess Pritchard of Dunmore was in town Saturday.

Five hundred slot machines went out of business in Fayette County last Friday.

J. W. Eads is contractor for J. D. Patten's house, to be erected in East Marlinton on Court street.

M. D. McLaughlin accompanied by his daughter Miss Mazie is in the county this week visiting relatives.

B. M. Yeager has bought the property occupied by J. W. Hill will move to a house near the court house.

S. H. Hiner was taken to the Hinton Hospital Wednesday, where he will undergo an operation for gall stones.

S. P. Shreets, of Mill Gap, brought a wagon load of apples to town Wednesday, which he disposed of at remunerative prices.

The contractors who will erect the dwelling houses for the United States Leather Company, have arrived and have several houses in course of construction.

John Ruff, a C. & O. fireman of Clifton Forge, was shot and killed Monday morning by a negro named Bowler. The shooting was unprovoked and the murderer made his escape. A reward of \$200 is offered for the apprehension of Bowler.

David Dean of Burrs Valley was in Marlinton Wednesday on business pertaining to the sale of a tract of timber land. Mr. Dean is one of the few hunters who got the full quota of deer last hunting season. He and his four sons killed seven large bucks.

Baltimore Conference convened in Alexandria for its 125th session on Wednesday. Bishop A. W. Wilson presides for the fifth time. All the charges in Pocahontas returned good reports. Rev. J. W. McNeel, having served the Greenbank Circuit, four years will not be returned.

Blood hounds were used in retaking an escaping convict from the Virginia penitentiary recently. For five hours they followed the negro's trail, covering more than twenty miles, over creeks and along fences. The fugitive at length had to take to a tree to save himself from the hounds, being thoroughly exhausted.

The women's cell in the Fayette County jail is 8 feet long by 6 feet wide. Into it 12 women are crowded every night. Five of these unfortunates are white. There is not room for all to lie down at the same time unless they pile one upon the other. We are not surprised that McIntosh of the Fayette Journal is making the effort of his life for a new jail, when such inhuman conditions prevail.

P. T. Larnum once said: "If you have \$10 to put in use, pay \$10 for the article and \$9 for advertising. I can out talk any man but a printer. The man who can't type and the next morning talk to a thousand men while I am talking to one, is the man I'm afraid of and I want to be his friend."

A friend residing at Fort Worth Texas sends a recent issue of the Fort Worth Record.

Among the items are interesting notice of the cattlemen's convention, March 8th with six thousand visitors representing millions of dollars and the chief rural industry of the state.

It claims that Fort Worth's two packing house plants, Swifts and Armour's, are two most modern and complete in the world as to annual output and superiority of Fort Worth meats.

The Fort Worth stock yards solicit consignments of live stock, and claim the daily capacity to be 10,000 as many hogs, 5,000 sheep, 3,000 horses and mules.

Card of Thanks.
We desire in this public way to express our heartfelt gratitude to our large circle of friends. For their faithful and earnest sympathy as shown toward us during our recent affliction and sore bereavement.
Samuel M. Gay and family.

A NEW RAILROAD

Marlinton & Camden Railway Incorporated.

An Enterprise that Means More for Marlinton than Anything That has ever Happened.

The Marlinton & Camden Railway has been incorporated by the Secretary of State and means the connection of the B. & O. and C. & O. rail ways at the town of Marlinton. This railway is incorporated by the parties forming the Campbell Lumber Company who have large holdings on the headwaters of Williams River.

This corporation is capitalized at \$500,000, and the result will be that in a comparatively short time the connection from Camden to Marlinton will be made.

It will be observed by those who know the circumstances that while the incorporators are substantial business men whose credit is of the best, the new enterprise is not in the hands of any great railway corporation. Some of the most valuable connecting links of railways are often built by just such companies, when the policies of great railroad companies keep such connections from being made, though, as in this case, they may be of the greatest benefit locally.

There is nothing that we know of that could mean more for the town of Marlinton or for that part of the county which lies west of it, and the company can be assured of the hearty support of the citizens of the town of Marlinton and the people generally.

It has been the hope of the people of this county for years to get a connection with the B. & O. Railway. It was the point that we looked for a railroad before the C. & O. favored the county so greatly by building a line north and south through the county. It is even more desirable now as the whole country could use the connection by coming to Marlinton on the C. & O. and taking the short line to the B. & O. We cannot imagine a short line of railroad that would be of equal importance to the whole State or that would have better prospects of becoming a better paying line than the Marlinton & Camden Railway.

Soldiers Mustered In.

Captain Oscar A. Price of Company B, 2nd West Virginia Infantry, was here Monday night to muster in an attachment of Company B. The following volunteers, fifteen in number, were mustered in:

Uriah Kramer.
E. V. King.
Charles Bell.
Jacob Cogar.
Carl Slaven.
Wm. McLaughlin.
Thomas Messer.
Fred McLaughlin.
Adam Morris.
Frank King.
Ernest Rhea.
W. A. Slaven.
Clarence McLaughlin.
Lloyd Houseknecht.
W. B. King.

Measurements for Khaki uniforms have been taken and applications made for the usual accoutrements. They will have the Krag Jorgenson rifle, the arm used by the United States army. Monday night is the time designated for the weekly drill. Under a recent act known as the Dick Law, members of the State Guard may join the National Army without further examination.

Sleaz-Baxter.

Married March 30, 1904 at the home G. W. Baxter father of the bride, Mr. H. A. Sleaz of Union Co., Penn. and Miss Birdie Baxter, by Rev. G. W. Nickell. A beautiful and quiet home wedding. The happy couple have gone for a visit to his people in Penn. They expect to make their home in Marlinton.

Edray Circuit.

April, 3rd Sunday, Edray 11 a. m., 4th Sunday, West Union 10:30 a. m., 4th Sunday, Laurel Creek, 3 p. m.
May, 1st Sunday Mary Chapel 10:30 a. m., 1st Sunday Shaysfork 3 p. m., 2nd Sunday Swago 10:30 a. m., 2nd Sunday Marlinton, 3 p. m.
C. M. Nazz, Pastor.

CONDITIONS IN WEST VIRGINIA

Thomas P. Grady in The Manufacturers Record.

Not long ago I happened to hear of an important business transaction the consummation of which depended on the marketing of the bonds of a projected railroad in West Virginia. In telling the news to one of the parties in interest (who happened to be a personal friend), I referred to the transaction as virtually settled, although I did not even know the exact location of the road to be built. With a very natural anxiety my friend asked why I felt so sure about a matter depending on what might be considered, in the then existing state of the bond market, as a difficult condition. "Because," I replied, "it is a West Virginia enterprise, and I know the men behind it."

I might have gone on to explain that such is the favor with which legitimate West Virginia enterprises are regarded in financial circles that the bonds of any railroad between any two important points anywhere in West Virginia (other than a parallel line) would find takers even at a time when the bonds of nine out of ten new railroads in other States were unsalable.

Though never before commented on in print, it has for several years been a well recognized fact that coal and timber lands in West Virginia have been in demand at higher prices than similar properties in any other Southern State. Far-seeing investors seem to consider this State as a good place in which to "salt down" idle money. They feel it will be safe, will not mysteriously get away, and will bring fair returns. There are various reasons for this feeling of confidence.

There is coal almost everywhere. There are oil and natural gas. There is an immense amount of virgin timber. When the utilization of these resources shall have created a number of new industrial centers there will be many small fortunes made by thrifty farmers and cattle-breeders and orchard-growers who will produce the food supply for the workers in the mines and factories. There is more Kentucky blue grass in West Virginia than in Kentucky. When the timber is cut this king of pasture grasses springs up spontaneously. I have often witnessed this phenomenon and wondered where the seed came from.

That West Virginia enterprises are so favorably regarded by capitalists and that West Virginia coal and timber lands are in such demand is not, however, solely due either to material conditions or to the State's singularly fortunate location with reference to the great centers of industry. It is due largely to the fact that public sentiment is not hostile, but friendly to capital. The railroad is looked upon as the people's ally, and not their enemy. The factory is regarded as a blessing, and the bigger and the richer the corporation that owns and runs it, the better. This feeling of confidence is due partly to the fact that West Virginia political leaders have for years been regarded as safe men. The demagogues, whose chief aim in life is to foment strife between labor and capital and to poison the public mind concerning corporations and other business enterprises, had small encouragement in a State whose real political leaders were men like J. N. Camden and Henry G. Davis on the democratic side and Senators Elkins and Scott on the republican. Investors have felt that no matter which party should come into power they might expect fair treatment at the hands of legislatures, courts and juries. When the oil fields of West Virginia were being discovered and developed, the Standard Oil Co. was welcomed into the State, while Texas was indicting the high officials of the organization that has opened the markets of the world to American petroleum.

Whether it was through the preaching of sound economic doctrine by West Virginia's large-calibered political leaders of both parties, or whether it was due to the good common sense of a holding that slot machines are side their bread was buttered, matters little. The important result is that the public mind some way or other has become imbued with a realizing sense of the fact

that buried resources were worth less unless money could be found for their development.

The people of this Mountain State belong to a type that combines the best traditions of Old Virginia with aggressive self-reliance and independence in thought and action. Thousands of new people have come into the State during the last ten years and are cordially welcomed, just as outside capital is welcomed. But the denominating characteristics of the population have been little changed by an influx of immigration that is speedily assimilated.

Mrs. S. M. Gay

Died March 23, 1904, at her home in the vicinity of Edray, Mrs. Nancy Gay, consort of Saml. M. Gay, Esq. aged 61 years to a day. This estimable lady was a daughter of the late David Gibson, one of the pioneers of the Old Field branch of Elk.

Upon her marriage with Mr. Gay they located at their present residence, built up a plentiful home and reared a large and industrious family. She was a member from youth of the M. E. Church, South.

She will be long remembered as one of the best of neighbors and a very exemplary person in all the relations of life.

For a number of years she has been a great sufferer from complicated chronic ailments and though she will be greatly missed yet all must feel that as for herself death is a heaven sent release from suffering, toil and pain for which no permanent remedy seemed available.

She is survived by her husband four sons and three daughters. The writer feels himself bereaved of one of his attached friends and so would honour her memory.

W. T. P.

The Battle of McDowell

The uncertainty felt the next morning as to the result of the battle is easily accounted for. The battle took place very near the top of Bull Pasture Mountain and was continued until dark. It was ended by the Confederates charging down the Mountain on the west side and putting the Federals to flight. Down both parties came at double quick; Milroy taking the road to Franklin and Jackson close upon his heels until both armies and all their belongings cleared away from the mountain and the village. It was night and the people of the neighborhood staid in doors, and knew not what was going on outside.

The next morning the citizens cautiously reconnoitered, and witnessed only a quiet scene, and for a time were completely non-plussed.

Jackson's chief object was to drive Milroy from his flank in order that he might move upon Banks. The defeat of Milroy was the opening of Jackson's most brilliant campaign.

Jackson's maneuvering of his forces on Bull Pasture mountain during the battle caused some intelligent officers in his army to distrust his generalship. Whilst he was pursuing Milroy I heard one of them say—"If Jackson is kept in command of this army he will destroy it. A brigade is the largest body of soldiers he is fit to command."

Some critics in the early part of the war pronounced General Robert E. Lee a failure!

A great many funny remarks like the above might be quoted.

W. H. R.

Legislature.

Governor White will call a special session of the legislature between now and the election. This has been fully determined upon but the date is not set. The pressing necessity of this course is apparently the desire to submit certain constitutional amendments to a vote this fall concerning taxation.

Just what the bandits will do during the heat of summer and in the campaign is uncertain.

Slot Machines.

The Supreme Court has affirmed the decision of the lower court of a holding that slot machines are gambling devices prohibited by statute. The slot machine will be seen no more in West Virginia. A few years ago a pile of such machines valued at \$190,000 was burned in Philadelphia.

Hosterman.

The weather has changed somewhat and it is quite cool again yet we have reasons to believe our cold days are over for this season and gentle spring is here again for which we are glad to see bright sunny days after such a long cold winter.

News is rather scarce in this part. The sick are improving; grip has been very prevalent in this part.

Perry Stover and wife and family have come from Penn to Hosterman to locate. Perry Stover purposes on building at once.

Theodore Hosterman and family are visiting in Penn.

Dr. J. L. Lambert has been in town a few days with the sick.

Morgan Grimes has been here some time on business.

Lanty Moore started to Buckhannon to school and returned on account of a slide on the C. & I. R. R.

The Hosterman Lumber Co. lost a fine horse very recently.

The school taught by W. R. Sutton will close in a short time. He has taught a most excellent school and the pupils have made rapid progress.

Joe Buzzard was in this part recently looking after his interest.

Dr. Randolph was to see Thos. Lynch's baby recently, it is much improved.

E. M. Brown is doing some carpenter work for the Hosterman Lumber Co.

Sam Sutton was in town on business.

George Bambrick was down the line on business.

Politics is talked by every man and woman now. Give us good men for not who are office afraid to execute the law aright.

Mill Gap.

From all appearances spring is here and the stormy blasts of winter are a thing of the past.

The farmers are busy making sugar. We have in our neighborhood a sugar tree which averaged about two and a half gallons of water an hour and ran for about eight hours and only had three spiles, where is there one that can beat it?

Miss Elsie Ralston who has been very sick, is not any better.

Mr. H. F. Herold made a trip to Frost recently.

S. E. Williams our enterprising merchant makes his regular trips to Hot Springs, regardless of the weather.

Mrs. Katie Aldridge of Buckeye is spending some time visiting at her old home.

W. H. Wade is visiting his sister Mrs. Amanda Dever.

The Panama Canal.

Entire length (Colon to Panama), 48 miles.

Amount of work completed, two-fifths.

Present navigable stretches, 18 miles.

Still to be constructed, 28 miles.

Number of men now at work, at least 800.

Time it will take 50,000 men to complete, eight years.

Estimated total cost \$200,000,000.

Amount to be paid to Panama Canal Co., \$40,000,000.

Amount to be paid to Panama, \$10,000,000.

Present time New York to San Francisco via Cape Horn, 60 days.

Time via Panama Canal (approximate), 24 days.

Time of passage through canal 8 to 10 hours.

Travel saved, Liverpool to Yokohama, 4,000 miles.

Annual traffic expected, 7,000 vessels.

Usual temperature throughout region, seventy-nine degrees F.

Card of Thanks.

Editor Times: I take this means of thanking the people of Marlinton for their kindness and aid in helping me to send my wife to the hospital for treatment.

M. DALTON.

Farm For Sale

I have a farm of 167 acres that I wish to sell, situated on Stamping Creek, convenient to mill, post office and school. For further information call on or address

R. D. Silva,

Millpoint, W. Va.

C. A. YEAGER, UNDERTAKER,

Marlinton, W. Va.

A large line of Caskets, Coffins and Undertakers supplies always on hand. All calls given prompt service.

NEW GOODS

ARRIVING DAILY.

I have just returned from the
EASTERN MARKETS.

When you come to court call and
examine my goods and compare
MY PRICES.

PAUL GOLDEN.

FURNITURE! FURNITURE!! HOUSE FURNISHING GOODS.

We beg to announce to our friends and the public that we will very soon open up a large line of the above goods, in connection with our present business. We already have the assurance of the staunch support of our old customers and for the benefit of all we would say that we shall pursue the same policy as we have pursued in the hardware business, buy in large quantities from the best factories and give our customers the benefit.

Mr. Z. S. Smith of Warm Springs, Va., will be associated with us in this business and will call to see you see you soon. Do not place your order for Furniture, Matting, Etc., until you see our line or until our salesman calls on you.

Thanking everybody for their liberal business in the past, and your kindly consideration in our new enterprise

We Are Very Truly,
C. J. Richardson.

To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. *E. H. Jones*
Cure Crip in Two Days.
ON every box 25c.